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In re Application of :  
Joseph L. Mark et al. :  
Serial No.: 10/649,068 :  
Filed: August 27, 2003 :  
For: Introduction System for Minimally :  
Invasive Surgical Instruments :

DECISION ON  
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed April 21, 2005, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d), based on infringement.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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